

Benton County.

n answer to your questions:

What is your operating budget and the total amount of funds allocated to the Indigent Veterans Fund?

For 2007 total expenditures were \$123,386.22. The 2007 budget was \$150,341.

The 2008 budget is \$154,543.

What is the total amount paid directly to Veterans?

For 2007 admin costs were \$1,208.40 so the difference, \$122,177.82, is the total amount provided to Veteran support.

How much of the budget is being used for administration costs?

As stated above for 2007 \$1,208.40 was expended in administrative costs.

Other costs?

NONE, everything other than admin costs supports our county Veterans.

Are you making use of the Indigent Veterans Fund?

I do not understand this question. Is there another source of funding available that we are not aware of?

The fund is directly administered from the county with the Veteran's groups, VFW & American Legion being the interface for the Veterans and the county complying with the requests from the Veteran's support groups. So the county fund is being directly accessed on a weekly bases.

Are you getting requests for funding from the Indigent Veterans Fund and who is processing those requests?

The indigent Veterans contact the service organizations (VFW & American Legion) on a twice monthly bases, or as needed to request assistance. Food vouchers are issued directly from the service organizations. Rental, utility assistance and burial expenses are forwarded to the county for processing and payment.

Does your county have a Veterans Advisory Committee?

Yes.

Do you have an inter-local agreement to provide services for veterans with any other counties or programs?

No.

Are you providing funding to any veterans outside of the county?

No, strictly county residents.